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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
WILFRIED HEIDE, ET AL. : EXAMINER: K. C. EGWIM
SERIAL NO: 10/765,152 :
FILED: JANUARY 28, 2004 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1713
FOR: CONTINUOUS PRODUCTION OF :
CROSSLINKED FINE PARTICLES OF
POLYMER GEL

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Election Requirement mailed March 25, 2005, Applicants elect, with traverse, Species (a): Claim 12, wherein the inert gas is added with the monomers. Applicants' election of species is for examination purposes only. Claims 10-12, and 15-24 read on the elected species.

REMARKS

The Examiner is requiring election of the above-identified application as follows:

Species (a): Claim 12 wherein the inert gas is added to the monomers; and

Species (b): Claims 13 and 14, wherein the inert gas is at least partially generated by the chemical reaction in the mixing kneader added with the monomers.